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## MATTY CAN FOOL WAGNER BY WATCHING SLUGGER'S FEE

It's an Old Trick, and Shows Where the Batter Is Trying to Hit the Ball-Comfortable Lead of the Giants Will Give McGraw a Chance to Let Down a Bit on the Stars of the Team—Good Race for Second Place.

## By John J. McGraw.

HE Pirates had a chance to nose right up into the pennant race last week. They realised this at the time and so did I. If they had taken four straight games from the Giants they would have been in a position to make the going for the rest of the distance tough for my club. But they didn't. The Giants, including pitchers and fielders and all, were going as well in that series as they have in the last two years.

The boys deserve great credit for their showing, because Pittsburgh came into New York after a very uccessful trip, confident of winning and in the best form the club has been in this season. Perhaps by boosting my team, some readers think it is handing myself a backhanded boost. For example, somebody recently told me a story of a war correspondent in the late bitterness between Russia and Japan. A Jap general was making observations in an exposed position. He just missed being "beaned" by several shots.

"Better come in from there, General," said the correspondent. "It's dangerous work."

"And you, too, had better come down managers have not assumed the ch-well-behind the fortifications yourself and we'll-do-better-next-year attitude taken behind the fortifications yourself and well-do-notter-near-year stop sketching there." retorted the genup by so many losers at this stage of the race.
"I'll finish at the top of the second

Clarke put Wagner into the games in division." Tinker told me when he was dom uses. Wagner was to the far enough fast bail. He did not reach far enough

"That fellow Mathewson watches the batter's feet," said somebody on the trade framed up which would have mad Pittsburgh bench to Wagner when he the American League team in New came back, naturally pretty sore after York. He was dickering to give the

fanning out.

"Yes, and he watches the whites of Chicago White Sox Hal Chase for Ed Walsh, and the deal would have gone through. Stallings had Jack Knight to

MATTY KEEPS HIS EYE ON THE Walsh would have made the Highland-BATTER'S FEET. Walsh would have made the Highland-ers' pitching staff one of the best in the

Wash would have made the Highlanders' matter of fact. Matheward does the batter's feet to some extent. It is the clid took of the boxer to catch his exceeds at the ball where the list of the ball where the list of the feet to see whether he is to be with the ball to right to be the boxer to drop the region by the ball to right to be the boxer to drop the region by the ball to right to be the beautiful triange of the season, but he went out after the players and got them. He has lifted the club up to the sixth miche, with a good chance of stopping the race at the top of the second division if Brooklyn keeps on fading as fast as it has teen for the past two months. Stallings is a fellow who keeps plusging no matter how badly his team looks, and he gets his players to believe that they have a good ball club. That is half of the battle in being a successful manager; it induces the players to have confidence in your judgment. Tinker is a fighting manager and one who demands absolute obedience when

Tinker is a fighting manager and one who was of thinking. Of course I do it so hard for him when he went to can have to tell the close follower of the same that baseball is a peculiar thing. I have been in it too long to claim the championship absolutaly for my clash at the end of July. If my pitching staff should become shot to pieces and a couple of inficialers originated in the claim of the class of including staff should become shot to pieces and a couple of inficialers originated in the class of the claim of the base. In big league parlance, it was a loose team.

"Some players on the club," said Tinker, "I could not stop from stealing a base. When they wanted to do it they did."

GIANTS' BIG LEAD RELIEVES THE STRAIN. discipline and the accustoming of the players to the new conditions which caused the Cincinnati club to make the players to the new conditions which caused the Cincinnati club to make such a bad showing at the beginning, in my opinion. What Tinker is doing this year and his methods will surely count in the long run. Tinker and Stallings will have good ball clubs before they get through. I expect both Cincinnatiand Boston to beat out St. Loue this year.

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ed journey through the West second journey through the West the the critical one also for the the. But the club has been moving good style during the home stay we are starting off with a lead can stand considerable siumpcan stand considerable management of the mid-cance to rest some of my players and the the great strain of the mid-and the the great strain of the midwe had been forced to start West with a margin of only three or four games, it would have meant fighting all the with every man on edge. Now the of on the nerve strain in case a spurt is necessary later along, which I do not endopate. With our present margin over the Quakers, there is not the strain leading the league which would re-

eiphia, Pittsburgh and Chicago there a good race for second place. come place, although Philadelphia may Cobs have had a bad Eastern trip, and
I do not figure them to beat either
February or Philadelphia. Of course,
less the Pirates and Cubs are bunched
to estanding now, but Clarke's pitches should carry him along past Chi-

teams have improved recently, although they are second division some attention should be paid M'GRAW'S PENNANT OBSERVATIONS



CASE I GET A PUNCTURE I'VE PLENTY OF TIME IF I COULD TO FIX IT! ONLY GO A BIT FASTER I COULD DROP THESE TACKS IN FRONT OF HIS MACHINE

showed it when he was with the Highlanders. From nothing he made a ball
ciub, and, just before he left, he had a
trade framed up which would have made
the American League team in New
York. He was dickering to give the
Chicago White Sox Hai Chase for Ed
Walsh, and the deal would have gone
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Walsh would have made the Highlanders' pitching staff one of the best in the

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This years' renewal of the classic Fugibles in Defendum, Filtaway, Ha'penny
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"Woodie" Clay started a supposed
feed marvel in Ocean Bite on Sturday. She is a full sister to Ocean
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will be represented by Early Rose; John
Madden has Stars and Stripes; the Newlook of the best race horses
of recent years. Ocean Blue on Sturday. She is a full sway full sway. There
will be run the last day of the Sarand Strom

who haven't appeared in public yet— Pennant, by Peter Pan and Royal Rose, and an unnamed colt by Vater and Harpsichord, and R. T. Wilson jr. may decide between Northerner and Prairie.

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BY VIC Champion Willie Ritchie Thinks Baldw:n Will Win Bout

> (Riveral to The Broning World.)
>
> LOS ANGELESS, July 28.—Champion
> Ritchie is of the opinion that the Bald-win-Cross battle to-morrow night here will be the most desperately contested affair that any one has ever seen be-tween two contenders. The reason for this, he says, is that Boxer-Pighter Haldwin will face Fighter Cross, a combination that always brings out the best kind of a battle. Both are aggressive, game, willing, hard punching perform-ers, says the champion, and he figures

han can Leach.

Cross admits that he is facing the Cross admits that he is facing the headlest, tricklest and toughest fighter in the ring. He said: "Matty outside of the ring is the nicest sort of a fellow to meet, but in the ring he is the roughest, toughest and dirtiest of tricky fighters I ever faced. He fights desperately and he keeps a referee busy every second that he is in the ring. I know him like a book, and if it wasn't

that Matty can take more punishment



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for the fact that I made a rule never to go to branging, I would say that I will show him up in his true colors to-morrow night."

Eidde Murphy, manager of Baldwin, is going to force Cross to show his real weight before entering the ring or curing some part of the day to a new-name reporter or some official of the



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## Matty fooled him for a third strike on a side arm curve which Mathewson seldent uses. Wagner was looking for a fast bail. He did not reach far enough To the Winner This Year